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**Architects Recognized for Public Service
in the Fort Dodge and Mason City Communities**

Fort Dodge and Mason City, Iowa (April 24, 2010) – Terry Allers, AIA, and Thomas Hurd, AIA, members of the American Institute of Architects, Iowa Chapter (AIA Iowa) have been recognized as participants in the AIA Iowa Citizen Architect Program by AIA Iowa for their service to their local communities.

Terry Allers, AIA, is active on the state level as a board member of the Iowa Architectural Examining Board, and in the Fort Dodge community as a board member on the Fort Dodge Municipal Housing Agency. He has been involved with the organization for 24 years. Currently, he serves as Chairperson for the Board of Directors. His work with the Housing Agency boasts excellent maintenance staff and constant upgrades of their existing units. When possible, the Agency upgrades to the newest energy standards and incorporates sustainable design attributes into the units. Allers is the owner of Allers Associates Architects, PC.

Also providing service to his local community is Thomas Hurd, an architect with Spatial Designs Architects and Energy Solutions. In his spare time, Hurd serves with the Cerro Gordo and Franklin County Emergency Operations Center. Active for over six years with the group, he serves as the current

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Damage Assessment Chief. In the wake of the 2008 floods, his group did 375 assessments on the integrity of water damaged homes in just 5 days.

The Citizen Architect Program recognizes AIA Iowa members who represent AIA's values in their community through public service. To find out more about this program please contact Jessica Reinert at AIA Iowa, (515) 244-7502, or e-mail her at jreinert@aiaiowa.org.

Since 1857, the American Institute of Architects has represented the professional interests of America's architects. AIA Iowa, headquartered in Des Moines, is a statewide affiliate of the national AIA.

AIA members express their commitment to excellence in design and are proactive in the design of livable communities. Members adhere to a code of ethics and professional conduct that assures the client, the public, and colleagues of an AIA member architect's dedication to the highest standards in professional practice. For more information, go to www.aiaiowa.org or call 515.244.7502.

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